



COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING



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INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE DECISION MAKING (CDM) ACTIVITIES

During the first week of February the CDM Team Lead, along with the sub-group leads from Flow Evaluation Sub-team (FET), Future Concepts Sub-team (FCT) and Surface CDM Systems Sub-team (SCT), attended the European Airport CDM Procedures Group meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to finalize Action Plan 26 requirements and to exchange ideas that will mutually benefit both CDM organizations. On the agenda were a number of key EUROCONTROL procedures that are being brought back to U.S. CDM Sub-teams for discussion and possible incorporation into our CDM projects, including next day planning and better utilization of "Target Off-Block Times" (TOBT). These projects align with the stakeholder's needs in both Europe and the U.S., and also tie-in with FAA Flight Plan and NextGen Goals.

CDM STRATEGY SESSION (CDMSS)

The second CDMSS was held January 26–28, 2009 at MITRE/CAASD in McLean, VA. The session brought together operations personnel from both the FAA and industry to review a series of severe weather days from 2008 with a focus on the north-south routes along the eastern seaboard. The goal of these sessions is not only to spark new ideas for research and development but also to increase communication and understanding between operators and the FAA at the operations level. A number of ideas were generated during the session and will be further explored by the appropriate groups including the CDM Sub-teams.

CDM LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The first CDM Leadership Summit was held on January 29, 2009. Topics of discussion included planning for the spring CDM General Meeting, the integration of Traffic Management Advisor (TMA), training for the upcoming severe weather season, and many others. Both FAA and Industry CDM Leadership agreed that TMA must be integrated with existing and developing TFM products. All 2009 customer training packages will be assembled by February 27 and finalized the week of February 23 at the Training Facilitation sub-team meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. Future CDM Leadership Summits will continue to act as a communication path for CDM sub-teams as products and ideas mature and are prepared for use within the Air Traffic Management system.

REMINDER – PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE NEW CDM MOA!

THE RETURN DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2009!



Members of European CDM gather in front of Belgocontrol Headquarters following the end of a successful meeting in Brussels, Belgium.

BILL LEBER, DEPARTING THE FIX

After 16 years of unwavering service and commitment to CDM, we say farewell to Bill Leber. Bill worked for Northwest Airlines for 26 years and was one of the original founders of the FAA / Airline Data Exchange (FADE) initiative in the early 1990s. FADE matured over the years into the CDM program we know today.

Bill has earned an excellent opportunity to move on and join the Lockheed Martin team in Eagan, MN as a Business Development Analyst Principal. He will be sorely missed at the Redtail and in the many CDM activities he has championed over the years. On behalf of the CDM community, we wish Bill all the best in his future endeavors.

SUB-TEAM UPDATES

- ◆ FCT – The FCT is continuing work on System Enhancements for Versatile Electronic Negotiation (SEVEN) and preparations for the upcoming SEVEN Human-in-the-Loop (HiTL) in March. The FCT met in February to discuss the upcoming HiTL as well as take some initial steps towards defining recommended requirements for SEVEN.
- ◆ FET – The FET completed outlines for the Integrated Collaborative Rerouting (ICR) and Airspace Flow Program (AFP) Strategy training packages during the January FET meeting.
- ◆ Ground Delay Program Enhancement Sub-team (GDPE) – The GDPE met in January to discuss the Unified Ground Delay Program (UDP), Integration of Traffic Management Advisor (TMA) with Flight Schedule Monitor (FSM), and the Control by Time of Arrival concept (CbTA).
- ◆ SCT – The SCT visited Louisville International Airport in early January to look at the Surface Management System (SMS) tool utilized by UPS. The SCT recently held a site visit at Memphis International Airport to observe the SMS utilized by FedEx for metering departures off ramps.
- ◆ Weather Evaluation Sub-team (WET) – An updated Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF) web site mockup was presented to the WET meeting on January 27, 2009. The web site mockup has also been provided to operators for review. Modifications to the TAF web site are ongoing. The WET is currently drafting training material and a concept of operations for the newly updated mock website. The WET has recently added two industry members with Brittany Mitchell and Greg Murray of Air Routing Inc. joining the team.

COMING SOON TO CDM

- ◆ SEVEN HiTL
Location: Metron Aviation—Sterling, VA
March 3–5, 2009
- ◆ GDPE Meeting
Location: Dallas, TX
March 10–12, 2009
- ◆ SCT Meeting
Location: JFK International Airport—New York, NY
March 16–18, 2009

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